



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Environmental Protection Commission held a teleconference meeting on May 23, 2017. The following items were discussed.

Federal Budget. Bill Ehm, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), explained that the federal budget for FFY 2018 would be released today. He also explained that this budget was the first step in the federal budget process and that the budget programs would be reviewed by Congress prior to finalization.

Legislative Session. Department of Natural Resources Director Chuck Gipp discussed legislation passed during the 2017 Legislative Session, which made the following changes to the Department's funding:

- A reduction to the General Fund Operations appropriation in the DNR in [SF 130](#) (FY 2017 Budget Adjustment Act) reduced the \$12.9 million appropriation to \$11.5 million for FY 2017. The Act also allowed the DNR to use up to \$1.0 million from the Open Spaces Account in the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund to pay for operations and maintenance at the State parks.
- A second reduction for FY 2018 in [SF 510](#) (FY 2018 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) reduced the General Fund Operations appropriation to \$11.3 million. The Act allowed the DNR to use up to \$288,000 from the Open Spaces Account in the REAP Fund to pay for operations and maintenance at the State parks.

Air Quality Fees. The Commission approved an increase in the federal Title V Air Quality fee from \$67.50 per ton to \$70.00 per ton. The fee increase will be effective on July 1, 2017.

Next Meeting. Additional information on this meeting and other Environmental Protection Commission meetings is available at the [DNR](#) website. The next meeting will be held on June 20 in Des Moines.

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